

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, claims 1, 2, 4-5, 8, 10-13, 15-16, 18-20, 22-23, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by McComb (U.S. Patent No. 6,111,573). Claims 6 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McComb in view of the Microsoft's article. Claims 3, 7, 9, 14, 17, 21, and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In this response, claims 7, 14, 17, and 25 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 1, 3, 10, 16, 19, and 21 have been amended to overcome the rejections. Applicant notices that McComb was issued after the filing date of the present application. Applicant hereby reserves the right to swear behind McComb in the subsequent prosecution of the present application. In addition, new claims 27 and 28 are added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include an allowable subject matter of objected claim 7. Claim 3 has been amended as an independent claim. Claim 10 has been amended to include an allowable subject matter of objected claim 14. Claim 16 has been amended to include an allowable subject matter of objected claim 17. Claim 19 has been amended to include an allowable subject matter of objected claim 25. Claim 21 has been amended as an independent claim. New claim 27 includes an allowable subject matter of objected claim 9 and new claim 28 is a corresponding method claim of claim 27. Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalents.

While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims which were objected to. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully submitted.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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